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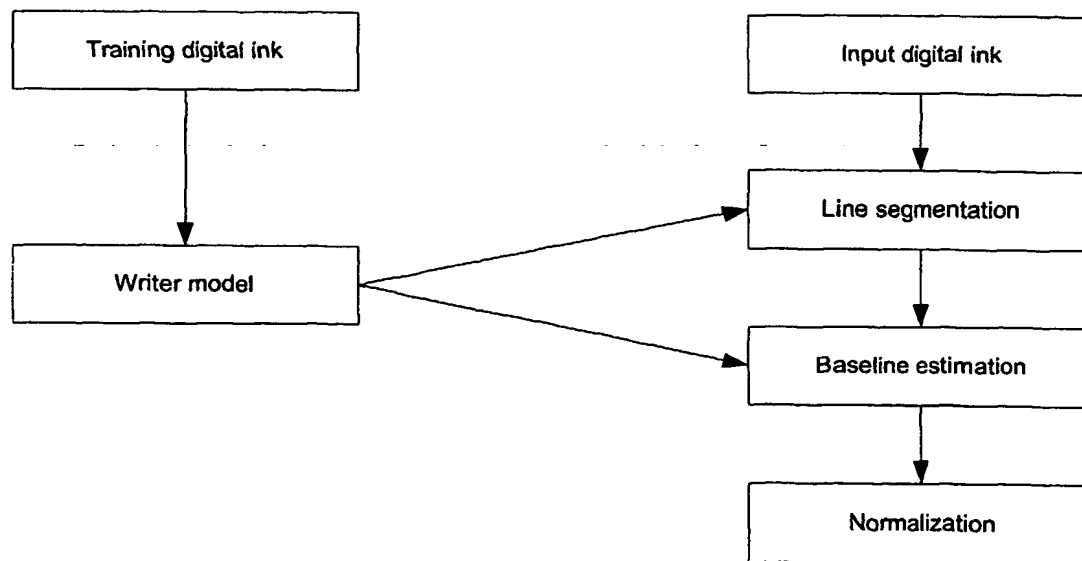
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(57) **Abstract:** The invention provides a method/system for estimating the orientation of a segment of digital ink using pen orientation information. In one form, the invention is a method of estimating the orientation of a segment of digital ink, the method including the steps of: measuring the azimuth of the pen at a sampling rate during writer generation of the segment of digital ink; and estimating the orientation of the segment of digital ink using the measured azimuth of the pen at sampled points.